My name is Fatemeh Yazdanbakhsh. I am a Ph.D. student in the department of computer science. I am nominated as VP-Academic for the GSA election 2020. My role as VP-Academic would include ensuring that students of the University of Calgary will receive the best possible education. I will also be representative of the University of Calgary graduate students to government and the University so share with me your concerns regarding your academic life you can find my contact info at the bottom of this page.

Bio:

Before starting my Ph.D. at the University of Calgary as a Computer Graphic student. I completed my bachelor’s degree in hardware engineering (Computer engineering) in Sheikh Bahaei University, Iran and my master's in Artificial intelligence (Computer Science) at Shahid Beheshti University, Iran.

I have been a graduate student for more than 5 years and I am familiar with the difficulties of graduate students' personal and academic life. I will be there to provide an ideal academic experience for the students.

Resume as a GSA member:

I worked with GSA as a volunteer many times for graduate students orientation, volleyball, football tournaments and etc. Currently, I am the graduate students’ representative in the Faculty of Science Safety Information Team (SIT) committee.

Volunteering with GSA gave me the chance to expand my network and have the chance to talk to graduate students from different departments and know the challenges each of these students may face.

My goals as VP-Academic:

- Provide workshops to discuss
  - the conflict of interest matter,
  - existing funding for graduate students and how to apply for,
  - student-supervisor relationships,
  - Travel funding for representing in conferences,
  - Change of supervisory process
  - Students technical writing

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- How to present in professional conferences
  - Increase collaboration with:
    - Mitacs to provide industrial experience for graduate students
    - Hunetrhub to connect students with companies in Alberta
    - banks to provide funding and scholarships for graduate students

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